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SUBJECT: TASS COMPUTER AND DRILLING BIT PLANT FOR USSR

1. AT JULY 11 PRESS BRIEFING, THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WAS
TAKEN:

A NUMBER OF CONGRESSMAN HAVE URGED THE PRESIDENT TO VETO
THE PROPOSED SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION OF A SPERRY UNIVAC
COMPUTER TO BE SOLD TO TASS, AND A TUNGSTEN CARBIDE DRILL-
ING BIT PLANT TO BE SHIPPED BY THE DRESSER CORPORATION, I
BELIEVE. DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY VIEW ON THE APPLI-
CATIONS FOR EXPORT OF THOSE TWO ITEMS?

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2. ANSWER PROVIDED AT NOON JULY 12 WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT
SECTION 7(C) OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OBLIGES US TO
RESPECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE DETAILS OF SPECIFIC
CASES.

3. A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION WAS TAKEN AS TO WHETHER A FORMAL
STUDY HAD BEEN ORDERED AND WHETHER A COORDINATING

COMMITTEE OF WHICH MR. VEST IS CHAIRMAN AND MR. SHULMAN IS ADVISOR WAS CARRYING IT OUT.

4. THE ANSWER PROVIDED AT 5 PM JULY 12 WAS:

"THERE HAS BEEN NO FORMAL STUDY ORDERED ON SUCH TRADE MATTERS. INDIVIDUAL CASES ARE REVIEWED ON THEIR MERITS IN A STANDING INTER-AGENCY FRAMEWORK (ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EXPORT POLICY CHAIRED BY COMMERCE). THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF WHICH MR. VEST AND MR. SHULMAN ARE CO-CHAIRMEN IS NOT PART OF THE FRAMEWORK." CHRISTOPHER

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